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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - ACTION SUMMARY - SIXTH WEEK
OF ROUND II (APRIL 7 - 11, L975).

REF: OECD PARIS 10026

ALSO FOR ERDA - KRATZ: NOTE PARA. 7.

SUMMARY: THE WEEK PASSED WITH THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF ONLY ONE OF THE ELEVEN ITEMS SCHEDULED. THE USDEL RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS ON TWO ITEMS (1560 AND 1562) AND INADEQUATE INSTRUCTIONS, UNRESPONSIVE TO ROUND I DEVELOPMENTS, ON TWO OTHERS, 1558 AND 1501. INSTRUCTIONS TO OBJECT ON ONE ITEM, 1542, WERE "FRUSTRATED" WHEN THE JAPANESE WITHDREW THEIR PROPOSAL TO DELETE. AS NOTED BELOW, USDEL AND WASHINGTON TEAM BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE ALL BUT ONE OF THE REMAINING ITEMS (1526) BEFORE ROUND III BY THE LIFTING OF US RESERVES AND CONFIRMATION OF US AD REFS. ACTION REQUESTED: AS DETAILED BELOW AND IN ITEM REPORTING. END SUMMARY.

1. IL-1501 COMMUNICATION, NAVIGATION, DIRECTION FINDING AND RADAR EQUIPMENT. THE PRINCIPAL UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN THIS ITEM ARE OF A POLICY NATURE AND LITTLE FURTHER TECHNICAL INPUT IS REQUIRED. FUNDAMENTALLY, THE OTHER MEMBERS CONSIDER THAT CIVIL AVIONICS FALLS INTO A

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DISTINCT CLASS OF EQUIPMENT, THE EXPORT OF WHICH WOULD

BE STRATEGICALLY IRRELEVANT, WHEREAS THE US HAS ALWAYS ASSUMED THE CONTRARY. UNLESS A SECOND ASSUMPTION IS ADDED, VIZ., THAT THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WOULD BE WILLING TO BECOME DEPENDENT ON IMPORTED WESTERN CIVIL EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR MILITARY NEEDS, THE US POSITION APPEARS FALLACIOUS TO THE OTHER MEMBERS. IN PREPARING FINAL US INSTRUCTIONS, THAT DICHOTOMY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED WITH OBJECTIVE ARGUMENTS BASED ON THE COCOM STRATEGIC CRITERIA AND AUTHORIZATION TO LIFT US AD REFS SHOULD BE INCLUDED SO THAT THIS ITEM MAY BE CONCLUDED IN ROUND III WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS. DETAILS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN OECD PARIS 9491.

2. IL-1502 COMMUNICATIONS, DETECTION OR TRACKING EQUIPMENT. RESOLUTION OF THIS ITEM BETWEEN ROUNDS MAY BE ACHIEVED SIMPLY BY US AGREEMENT TO A WORD SUBSTITUTION IN ITS PROPOSED NOTE 4. SEE OECD PARIS 9458.

3. IL-1510 UNDERWATER LOCATION EQUIPMENT. THIS ITEM MAY BE RESOLVED BETWEEN ROUNDS BY THE LIFTING OF THE US RESERVE ON A RATHER MODEST COMPROMISE CONCERNING FISH-FINDING EQUIPMENT. OECD PARIS 9332 CONTAINS DETAILS.

4. IL-1526 COMMUNICATIONS CABLE. US OBJECTIONS ON THIS ITEM APPEARED TO OTHER DELEGATIONS TO BE TECHNICALLY AND STRATEGICALLY INVALID. ADVICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM THE COMMERCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN REVIEWING THE US INSTRUCTIONS, AND IN RESPONDING APPROPRIATELY TO THE OTHER DELEGATION. SEE OECD PARIS 9424.

5. IL-1542; COLD CATHODE TUBES. FORWARDED OF US INSTRUCTIONS TO OBJECT, THE JAPANESE WITHDREW THEIR PROPOSAL TO DELETE THIS ITEM, WHICH WAS THEREBY CLOSED. SEE OECD PARIS 9032.

6. IL-1548 PHOTOELECTRIC CELLS. THIS ITEM MAY BE RESOLVED BETWEEN ROUNDS BY LIFTING OF A US AD REF. SEE OECD PARIS 9033.

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7. IL-1558 ELECTRONIC VACUUM TUBES. THIS ITEM MAY BE RESOLVED BY THE BETWEEN ROUNDS LIFTING OF US RESERVES TO RATIONALIZATION IN THIS OUTMODED FIELD, WHERE BLOC CAPABILITY EXCEEDS THAT OF THE WEST. OECD PARIS 9376 SUPPLIES DETAIL. IT IS ALSO UNFORTUNATE THAT THE US DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OCCASION TO CIRCULATE EITHER A REVISED PROPOSAL ON 1568(B), WHERE THE US IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL COVERAGE FOR PRECISION MACHINE TOOL CONTROLS,

OR AGREE, AS THE NETHERLANDS HAD SUGGESTED, TO COMBINE

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THIS ASPECT WITH ADDITIONAL COVERAGE SOUGHT IN IL 1016
INTO A NEW ITEM. EARLY DECISION AND INSTRUCTIONS ON
THIS SHOULD BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE MAY 13 DEADLINE FOR
NEW PROPOSALS. SEE OECD PARIS 7013.

8. IL-1559 HYDROGEN THYRATONS. CAREFUL EXAMINATION IS
WARRANTED FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE RATHER MODEST NOTE
CHANGES PROPOSED FOR THIS ITEM BETWEEN ROUNDS RE-
SOLUTION MAY BE ACHIEVED BY THE US DECIDING NOT TO FRUS-
TRATE THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY. OECD PARIS 9457
PROVIDES DETAILS.

9. IL-1560 CAPACITORS. US RESERVES STOOD IN THE WAY OF
THE MAJORITY ON THIS ITEM (WHICH, EXCEPT FOR MISUNDER-
STANDING ON THE PART OF POLICY OFFICIALS, SHOULD HAVE
BEEN DELETED AT LEAST 6 YEARS AGO.) THE OTHER PC'S HAVE
NOTED THAT IT IS INCREDIBLE THAT AN ITEM (IDENTIFIED BY
GOVERNMENT TECHNICIANS A YEAR AGO AS SUITABLE FOR DE-
LETION) AS A TECHNICALLY INEFFECTIVE EMBARGO WITHOUT ANY
SIGNIFICANCE, STRATEGIC OR OTHERWISE, HAS PASSED THROUGH
TWO ROUNDS WITHOUT BENEFIT OF A US POSITION. BETWEEN
ROUNDS, THE US SHOULD DEVELOP A TECHNICALLY DEFENSIBLE
POSITION GIVING PROPER RECOGNITION TO THE STRATEGIC

CRITERIA. OECD PARIS 29165 REPORTS.

10. IL-1562 TANTALUM CAPACITORS. THIS ITEM MAY BE CLEARED
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BETWEEN ROUNDS BY THE LIFTING OF THE US RESERVE TO THE UK
COMPROMISE PROPOSAL, IF THE US IS NOT PREPARED TO DELETE
THIS OUTDATED ITEM ENTIRELY AS ITS KNOWLEDGEABLE EXPERTS
RECOMMEND. SEE OECD PARIS 9279 FOR DETAILS.

11. IL-1568(G) POTENTIOMETERS. US INTERESTS WILL BE
SERVED BY THE PROMPT LIFTING OF ITS RESERVATION ON THE
WORK OF A COCOM TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP TO DEFINE PRE-
CISION "POTENTIOMETERS" WHICH ARE THE ONLY ELEMENTS SUIT-
ABLE FOR EMBARGO UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. THUS FAR,
IT HAS NOT BEEN MADE CLEAR THAT THE TERM "POTENTIOMETERS"
COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF DEVICES, MOST OF WHICH ARE ABSO-
LUTELY UNDERSERVING OF EMBARGO. DISCUSSION IS REPORTED
IN OECD PARIS 9278.

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